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SUBJECT: FATIGATI FINALLY APPEARS

REF: A) BUENOS AIRES 8451, B) BUENOS AIRES 8211, C) BUENOS  
AIRES 8477

1. EX-CRUZADA VICE PRESIDENT ERNESTO FATIGATI FINALLY SHOWED UP TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE JANUARY 14. APPEARING "SPONTANEOUSLY" AS A "SIMPLE CITIZEN," HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY TWO LAWYERS AND SPENT MORE THAN TWO HOURS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS WITH THE COMMITTEE. AS HE LEFT, HE TOLD NEWSMEN THAT THE PROCEEDINGS HAD BEEN CONDUCTED IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF "MUTUAL RESPECT" AND MADE NO OTHER STATEMENT.

2. AFTER THE HEARING, COMMITTEE MEMBERS STATED THAT FATIGATI ANSWERED NO QUESTIONS BUT DID READ A STATEMENT REITERATING HIS PREVIOUS POSITION THAT THE COMMITTEE DOES NOT HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO INVESTIGATE THE CRUZADA (REF A). THEY ALSO REVEALED THAT FATIGATI WAS OBLIGATED (HE AT FIRST REFUSED) TO LISTEN TO THE TAPE OF HIS DECEMBER INTERVIEW WITH A COMODORO RIVADAVIA NEWSMAN (REF B) AND THEN "CATEGORICALLY DENIED" THAT IT WAS HIS VOICE ON THE TAPE. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, HE MADE THIS DENIAL AGAINST THE ADVICE OF HIS LAWYERS. COMMITTEE PRESIDENT DOMINGO LOPEZ (FREJULI, BUENOS AIRES) STATED,  
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HOWEVER, THAT "THE COMMITTEE'S GENERAL OPINION IS THAT THE

VOICE IS SIMILAR (TO FATIGATI'S)." AS A RESULT, THE COMMITTEE HAS ASKED THE FEDERAL POLICE TO ADVISE IF THEY HAVE THE TECHNICAL CAPABILITY TO COMPARE THE RIVADAVIA TAPE TO THE ONE MADE DURING FATIGATI'S TESTIMONY YESTERDAY.

3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH ALL THIS SOUNDS COMPLICATED, CONFUSING, AND SLIGHTLY BYZANTINE, IT BACKS UP THE EMBASSY'S ORIGINAL ANALYSIS (REFS A AND C) THAT MRS. PERON HAS NO INTENTION OF REALLY COOPERATING WITH THIS COMMITTEE OR ANY INVESTIGATION OF CORRUPTION IN HER GOVERNMENT NO MATTER WHAT SHE STATES PUBLICLY. TODAY'S CABINET CHANGES (SEPTTEL) ECHO THE SAME MESSAGE.  
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